
Governor's Fellowship



Application for
2011-2012



A Message from Governor Mitch Daniels

Indiana State government is fortunate to have many devoted public servants. Public service is a call that each of us should heed at some point in our lives. The Governor's Fellowship program is a way for recent college graduates to experience the rewards of public service and to learn by doing. Working alongside dedicated professionals, Governor's Fellows are given hands-on opportunities to positively impact the State while they develop skills and lasting friendships that will serve them well in whatever career path they ultimately choose.

This is a particularly exciting time to be a part of Indiana State government. We have many challenges ahead of us, but we are working together to tackle Indiana's problems and achieve Indiana's potential in a way that brings honor to our State and progress to all. I hope you'll consider joining us.

What is the Governor's Fellowship Program?

The Governor's Fellowship provides a unique experience in Indiana State government. The program is highly selective, recruiting talented young men and women from across the State who will serve in various State agencies on a rotating basis over the course of twelve months. Fellows participate in the daily activities of State government, complete special projects, travel to observe how work in the Capitol translates into action throughout the State, and experience firsthand how policy is made.

Governor's Fellows work in a variety of settings including the Governor's Office, Lieutenant Governor's Office, Office of Management and Budget, the Family and Social Services Administration, Department of Environmental Management, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Administration, Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, to name a few.

Many of those who have participated as Governor's Fellows over the past two decades have gone on to successful careers in both the public and the private sector – some serving at the highest levels of local, State and federal government. They have taken from their fellowship experience a solid understanding of the workings of government and have honed their research, writing, communication and management skills. At the same time, they have given back to the State through their year in public service.

ELIGIBILITY

The Governor's Fellowship Program is open to college graduates who receive their bachelor's degrees in either fall of 2010 or spring of 2011. While any such graduate may apply, special consideration is given to applicants from Indiana, and likely candidates will have a B- or above grade point average.

SELECTION

The steering committee conducts an initial review of the applications; the most qualified candidates are then selected to interview with the committee at the State House in Indianapolis. After the interviews, the committee forwards its recommendations to the Governor based on applicant's leadership skills, academic record, references, quality of essay and overall interest in State government. The Governor then makes the final selection of Governor's Fellows. Recipients of the Fellowship will be notified as soon as possible following the Governor's decision.

SALARY

Governor's Fellows receive a competitive salary (approximately \$24,000) plus full fringe benefits during the Fellowship year. The year of service corresponds with the State fiscal year, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

To obtain an application please download it from the fellowship website at:

www.in.gov/gov/fellowship.

If you have questions concerning the fellowship program, please contact Stefanie Krevda at the Governor's Office at (317) 234-4257. The completed application and all supporting documentation (A current official college transcript, the required essays, and at least three letters of recommendation) should be mailed in **one packet** to:

**The Governor's Fellowship Program
c/o: Stefanie Krevda
Office of the Governor
State House, Room 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797**

To be eligible for consideration, applications must be postmarked by **April 20, 2011**. Again, all application material must be mailed together to avoid loss of documentation. Material sent separately will not be accepted.

**Visit our website at
<http://www.in.gov/gov>**



Application for the Governor's Fellowship Program

(Applications must be typed; may be photocopied)

Name Mr. / Ms. _____

Current Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone ____/____ Cell Phone ____/____

Permanent Address _____

City State Zip Code _____

Phone ____/____ Email Address _____

After May 1, 2011, which information should be used to contact you?

(Circle one of the above) Current Address or Permanent Address

Education

A current, official grade transcript must be included in the application packet.

No other version will be accepted.

Undergraduate Institution _____

Location Grade Point Average _____

Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

Degree's Earned _____ Date Conferred _____

Other Institutions Attended _____

Honors and Activities

(Please attach a separate document, if necessary)

Work Experience

Please account for the last two years of employment.

(A resume containing all requested information may be submitted for this portion of the application. The resume must be received with application packet.)

Name/Location of Employer _____

Dates of Employment _____ Position _____

Responsibilities _____

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Hobbies and Special Interests

References

At least three, but no more than five, letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. List the names and positions of references below. Letters of Recommendation should illustrate diversity in an applicant's background.

Essay

Please include a brief typewritten essay in response to the following questions:

- 1.) What do you see as the greatest challenge facing the State of Indiana? What role can the government play in confronting this challenge? (approx. 500 words)
- 2.) What do you think has been the Governor's greatest accomplishment? (approx. 250 words)

*****COMPLETED APPLICATIONS must be
Postmarked no later than April 20, 2011***
(including transcripts, reference letters and essay)**
